

E 'Specially' DECS

A weekly email update from the Division of Exceptional Children Services
to Directors of Special Education on current issues, information and events.
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Question of the Week:

What are the legal ramifications of suspending a special education student from the bus?

Answer:

Assuming the bus suspension results in absence from school, a short term suspension from the bus, may be used if :

- (1) the bus suspension
 - (a) is not inconsistent with the child's IEP, and
 - (b) does not result in a change in placement;" (meaning that you count days suspended from the bus as part of the ten days suspension constituting a change in placement)
- (2) the behavior has not been previously determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability; and
- (3) the suspension would be applied to a child without disabilities.

However, if the IEP specifies transportation as a related services, then the LEA must provide an alternative means of transportation to the student during a short-term bus suspension."

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The Question of the Week will be an on-going feature of E 'Specially' DECS. If you have a special education question that you believe would be of general interest to other Directors of Special Education, email your suggestion to Sammie Lambert at slambert@kde.state.ky.us

Technology Reallocation Program

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<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Technology/Additional+Technology+Resources/Technology+Reallocation+Program.htm>

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